

# How Loud Is It?

# LOGGING

*Here are some typical noise exposures in logging. Note: these are examples only and may not apply to your specific worksite. Noise-induced hearing loss results from a combination of high sound levels and extended periods of exposure to sounds above 85 dBA.*

**Protect your hearing when performing these jobs.**

## 1. Noise Exposure Levels

These are all 8 hour  
(or equivalent) exposures

Boom boat .....	87 dBA
Chokerman .....	80 dBA
Dozer Op. ....	97 dBA
Faller .....	103 dBA
Landingman .....	108 dBA
Loader Op.. ....	88 dBA
Log Sorter.....	90 dBA
Skidder Op.. ....	99 dBA
Truck Driver.....	91 dBA
Yarder Operator .....	92 dBA



## 2. Hearing Protection Devices

Hearing protection should be selected based on evaluating all of the following factors:

- noise exposure (see left)
- communication demands
- hearing ability
- use of other personal protective devices temperature and climate
- physical characteristics of the job or worker.

### **Noise Exposure .... Recommended HPD**

- Less than 90 dBA .. Class C, Grade 1
- Less than 95 ..... Class B, Grade 2
- Less than 100 ..... Class A, Grade 3
- Less than 105 ..... Class A, Grade 4
- Less than 110 ..... Earplugs + Earmuffs